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GERMANS DELIVERING R. R. EQUIPMENT

(By Associated Press)

Rome, Dec. 28.—Mgr. Ceretti, Papal under-Secretary of State, asked President Wilson to mediate with a view to settling the Vatican situation during their interview in Paris, according to newspapers here. He also submitted to President Wilson documents justifying the Vatican's attitude of neutrality during the war.

THE WEATHER

Washington, Dec. 28.—Local snows tonight and Sunday. Little change in temperature. Gentle winds mostly northeast to north.

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British Naval Officers Recover Many Ger- man Subs—German Admiral Loath to Deliver—King George Calls on Wilson— British Elections Back Lloyd George

COALITION GOVERNMENT WINS IN ENGLAND

(By Associated Press)

London, Dec. 28.—Election returns received up to 1:30 o'clock today favored the coalition government. At that hour the coalitionists had returned 127 the Unionists 6, Liberals 68, Labor 25, Irish Nationalists 3, Sinn Fein 26 and one independent. The first election returns received show the defeat of a woman candidate Mrs. Charlotte Despard, sister of Viscount French, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. She was defeated by Richard Morris, coalition liberal, by nearly 2000 votes. Arthur Henderson, leader of the British Labor party and former member of the War Cabinet, was defeated for reelection from the south district of East Ham.

London, Dec. 28.—Reaching an allied commission for inspecting German naval bases and airbase stations under the terms of the armistice, the British battleship Hercules has returned to her home port. During a trip fraught with peril many German ports were visited and preliminary arrangements for the surrender of German warships were made. The submarine commission under Lieut. Commander Bower pushed its investigations assiduously at Hamburg, Bremen and other points, with the result that scores of U-boats nearly all near completion and hitherto undetected by the Germans were found and reported. Admiral Goette protested to the last against giving up these submarines, but at a conference conceded.

London, Dec. 28.—Posters will appear in every parish in Ireland today announcing that the Irish republic has come into being, says the Express. The newspaper adds that the Sinn Feiners in the recent election swept Leinster, Munster and Connacht. It is stated by the Express that a central Sinn Fein council will be established in Dublin almost immediately and will call itself the Irish Parliament. If the government orders its disbandment it is stated it will establish itself elsewhere and if necessary move from place to place.

London, Dec. 28.—Yesterday's conferences between President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George and other members of the British cabinet were extremely successful according to the Mail, which says that the most cordial harmony of ideals was found to exist. The Premier has rarely been so enthusiastic over the result of any conference, the newspaper adds. It states that the first session of the peace conference at Paris will begin late next week or the Monday following.

ELEVEN MILLION SOLDIERS FOR RELEASE

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 28.—More than 11,000,000 soldiers at home and abroad have been designated for demobilization since the armistice was signed. Gen. March gave the figures today as 937,000 men in home units to be discharged and 165,000 men and 6300 officers assigned by Gen. Pershing for early convoy home from France. This includes men already discharged and those who have landed from France. Up to date official reports show 533,331 men and 36,103 officers actually discharged. Complete records for the week just ended are expected to raise the total at least 100,000.

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BERLIN DENIES SITUATION CRITICAL

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 28.—Immediate need for 2000 men to be trained for service in the U. S. Merchant Marine was announced today by the Shipping Board. Because of the rapid delivery of cargo ships which are now to be manned exclusively by merchant marine crews, the Board said there was an unusual demand for men which must be met within a few weeks. Of the 2000 men now wanted, 1500 are to take the places of apprentices just sent to sea from the ships of the Boards Atlantic Training Squadron base at Boston and 500 for the Pacific training ship at San Francisco.

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CAPTURE BOLSHEVIK DESTROYERS

(By Associated Press)

Lofoten, Dec. 27.—The British warship Calypso has captured two Bolshevik destroyers in the east Baltic, according to official announcement. The destroyers were engaged in bombarding lighthouses in the vicinity of Rival. The officers and men were made prisoners and there were no casualties on the British ship.

VOICES PEACE HOPES OF JAPAN

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Baron Noguchi Makino, head of the Japanese delegation en route to the Versailles peace conference arrived here Friday from Japan. The party which includes several high government officials of Japan will depart today for New York.

Marois Salomon, ranking ambassador of the Japanese peace mission will go to Europe by the Suez route and will be joined in Paris by Baron Makino and the delegates accompanying him.

Baron Makino said he was not authorized to discuss any possible policies of the mission. He added that no plans could be made for action until after the arrival of the peace mission at Paris and consultation there.

The baron first came here 47 years ago accompanying his father with a mission sent abroad by Japan.

In a formal statement on his arrival Baron Makino said:

"The terrible war is over and the victors will now take council together to make plans for and lay a new firm and permanent foundation on which civilization and progress, stayed for a time, may resume their upward and onward course. Japan will join the counsels of the wise and brave men who have won this war and will contribute her share of the labor which must be furnished for the achievement of this glorious task."

"A new era has dawned for you and for us. A great light is seen upon the world's horizon. All of us most sincerely and earnestly hope that within its broadening sphere and larger scope higher ideals will be conceived and being carried out, the whole human race will live and breathe more freely."

The delegation was welcomed by representatives of the state and navy departments and the Japanese consul. Baron Makino had requested that there be no formal reception.

The Japanese delegates will leave here today on a special train for New York. They will sail on the Carmania Jan. 4.

KITTERY POINT

Kittery Point, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Hannah Hutchins spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Amos Locke of Portsmouth.

Levi K. Moore is spending two weeks with his parents in Shamokin, Pa.

A rehearsal was held this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank Blake for a drama which is soon to be given at the Baptist church under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society.

Mrs. Levi T. Barnaby of Boston is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fletcher of Haverhill road.

Alfred Toney, Burnell, Friesley, Paul Billings and Stephen Berry attended a New Year's party given at Gray Lodge, Elton, on Friday evening.

Edward Sanders has returned to Parkfield hotel after spending a few days at his home in Dover.

Miss Susie Seaward of New Hampshire College is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Frank Getchell.

Mrs. Nettie Thurrell has returned to her home in North Berwick after visiting Mrs. Daniel Friesley.

Mrs. John Kiltie and two children of Haverhill, Mass., are visiting relatives in town.

Private Harry Seaward has returned to Fort Warren, Boston, after spending a few days at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. William York have returned after visiting their son in Providence, R. I., for the past month.

Mrs. W. Scott Crammer, wife of Lt. Col. W. S. Crammer, D. S. M. C. now in France, is the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Boyer.

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Mrs. Crammer was formerly Miss Ruth Abrams of Kittery.

Rev. John A. Waterworth left today for Portland where he has been called to officiate at a funeral service on Sunday.

At the Bethel Mission on Sunday evening which will be held at the First Christian church, the dedication of the service flag, in honor of the young men of that church and the town will take place.

First Congregational Church
11 a.m. Morning service, Rev. Miles Pick will occupy the pulpit.
12:15 Sunday school.

First Baptist Church
10:45 Morning service, Rev. James McKechnie presiding.
12 Sunday school.
7 o'clock evening service.

First Christian Church
12:30 Sunday school.
2 o'clock Afternoon service,
7 Union Bethel Mission.

PEACE CONVENTION

TO ATTEND
CONVENTION

A special train with the Portsmouth delegation to the convention of New Hampshire Jews to be held in Manchester tomorrow will leave this city on Sunday morning at eight o'clock. The convention is held for the purpose of organizing a campaign to raise \$75,000 in New Hampshire for the relief of the European Jews.

The speakers will be Louis Marshall of New York, president of the American Jewish convention, Leon Kammack, editor of the Jewish Daily News of New York, Alexander Cahani, chairman of the Jewish People's Relief Louis Kirschenbaum, chairman of the New England Branch of Jewish Relief.

Harry Cohen and Max Gelman are in charge of the local delegation who will go and about 50 are expected to make the trip. They will return on a special train which will leave Manchester Sunday at 10 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING EQUAL SUFFRAGE

At the annual meeting of the Portsmouth Equal Suffrage League plans were made for the coming year.

The officers elected were:
President, Miss Rothwell.
1st vice president, Mrs. Mary L. Wood.

2nd vice president, Mrs. Horace Wiggin.

Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Connor.
Secretary, Miss Bertha Vaughan.
Auditor, Mrs. Katherine Hill.

Advisory Committee, Mrs. Helen R. Thayer, Miss Gladys Pattee, Mrs. Amos Rundlett, Miss Helen Jaighton, Miss Mary S. Hestinger, Miss Annie M. Varrel, Mrs. D. W. Badger and Miss Helen Walker.

KITTERY

Kittery, Dec. 28.—Mrs. William Hurley is restricted to her home on Rogers road by illness.

Mr. George Trefethen is passing the week with relatives in Rye.

Mr. Charles Plunkett, who has been at the Portsmouth hospital the past two weeks, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adams of Bridgeport, Conn., have been passing the week with the former's mother, Mrs. Anna Adams of North Kittery.

Mrs. Fred Abrams is reported as being quite ill at her home at the Inter-vene.

Miss Gertrude Knight has returned to North Kittery after passing Christmas of her home in Saco.

Mr. Robert Stanley is restricted to her home on Dame street by an attack of tonsillitis.

The following officers have been elected for the coming year by York Hebrew Lodge: Noble grand, George Plunkett; vice grand, Edith Chapman; recording secretary, Almonia McIntire; financial secretary, Abbie Philbrick; treasurer, Clarence Cholek. Installation takes place on January 23.

Miss June Goodwin of Dame street is improving from a few days' illness. Mrs. Fred Prior of Melrose passed Friday in town with relatives.

Kittery Grange holds a special meeting this evening at the home of A. H. Brackett.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Adams of North Kittery entertained a house party of friends on Christmas day.

Little Alice Long of Dame street is quite ill.

Harry Swift of Rogers road is reported as slowly improving from his illness.

Rev. B. P. Wentworth, who passed the holiday at his home in Everett, has returned to North Kittery to pass the week-end with his parish.

Miss Ruby Littlefield has returned from a visit with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

First M. E. Church, North Kittery, Rev. B. P. Wentworth, passed 10:45 Morning worship, subject of sermon: "The Brass Bands of Life"; 12 m. Sunday school; 1:30 Prayer and praise service.

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Miss local news, you will find it in the Herald every day.

RODMAN TELLS FLEET SECRETS

U-Boat Almost Got Battleship New York in the North Sea.

New York, Dec. 27.—Rear Admiral Hugh Rodman, who commanded the grand fleet, talked for publication for the first time in 13 months today. His talk related entirely to the grand fleet of which the great squadron and his command was one of the "feet wing" of Sir David Beatty, the commander-in-chief of the great allied armada, and of the Germans, whose ships, he said, "now lie at anchor in long symmetrical lines—helpless, innocuous and harmless."

The grand fleet, Admiral Rodman said, "was the very backbone of the structure which has made a victorious peace, certainly."

Many interesting and hitherto unpublished facts concerning the war in the North sea were disclosed by Admiral Rodman. For instance, he let it be known that only a few months ago the Anglo-American battle squadrons came so close to what was then the German high seas fleet that it was within a few miles of cutting the fleet off from its base. On another occasion a German submarine came within a half's breadth, so to speak, of sending the flagship New York to the bottom, and on another occasion U-boats got so close to the New York that they were able to fire torpedoes at the great superdreadnaught.

Admiral Rodman was in his cabin aboard the New York when he told his sailors much of the story of the events in which he and the officers and men under his command played so important a part.

"I guess it is but natural," said Admiral Rodman, "that my thoughts at this time are of the operations and activities of the battleship force under my command, which, as you of course know, constituted an integral part of the grand fleet in the North sea. I want to say right at the beginning that when this country entered the war the United States navy, under the administration of Mr. Daniels, was ready at once to enter upon its war duties and did so, and from the very beginning until the war was brought to a successful end it has fulfilled every single demand made upon it promptly and in the most complete and satisfactory manner."

"You know, of course, that as soon as we were in the war our destroyers got under way and headed straight for the submarine ports to take part in the hunt for these pests. Later we added patrol boats and then after for the same purpose and in the end too came through flying colors the duties they were called upon to perform most creditably accomplished. Likewise the story has been told of the overseas transport which landed our army in France and kept them supplied; of the mining force that laid the great mine barrage in the North sea, and of the splendid battery of naval guns that cooperated with our army in France. And I should also mention our naval forces in the Adriatic, which bore a conspicuous part in the naval operations in those waters."

"And now I come to the grand fleet of which the New York, Texas, Nevada, Wyoming, Arkansas and Florida which formed the sixth battle squadron, was a part. I should mention in this connection that a few months after our entry into the war it became necessary to strengthen the grand fleet of Great Britain; and accordingly a division of battleships under my command was sent to co-operate with it.

"This was just one year ago, and since that we have been constantly on active service in the North sea as a squadron of the grand fleet. There were good and sufficient reasons why this information should have been kept secret during the war, but now that it has ended there can be no objection to making public its operations.

"But before giving more of the details of all-important fact should be kept in mind; that all of these activities are more or less independent, and all strive to accomplish the same end and lead to the same goal, which is to command the sea to make it safe and free for our own and our allies' ships but to deny it to the enemy during the night.

"It is needless, in fact, superfluous for us to reiterate that which is known and recognized throughout the civilized world; namely, that it was the grand fleet which has been the very backbone of the structure which has made a victorious peace a certainty. Without it there is no question that the war would long ago have been disastrously concluded with just the reverse conditions obtaining from those which now exist."

"No mention can be made of the grand fleet without my thoughts turning to its commander-in-chief, Admiral Sir David Beatty; a man of rare accomplishments, a natural born tried trusted and gallant leader. Under him our combined forces operated just as later all of the allied armies were placed under the direction of command of Marshal Foch.

"Now as to our operations with the grand fleet. It need be only sufficient for me to say that when we joined we were at once able to co-ordinate and co-operate with the British fleet;

that in order to work homogeneously, we adopted their signals and methods of communication, their plans, policies, manoeuvres and tactics; that we took our share of the work, patrol search, and of protecting the convoys, minings and other forces; that sometimes we were commanded by British admirals. Sometimes they served under my command, but there was never the slightest friction—misunderstanding or petty jealousies. In fact, our mutual association in the war's work has drawn us so close together that in the grand fleet it was instrumental in ripening friendship into brotherhood.

"It is most gratifying to state that within a very short time after joining and after our first operations with the grand fleet we were assigned to one of the two places of honor and importance in the battle line. We were known and designated as the sixth battleship squadron and, as one of the two so-called fast wings, would take station at the head or rear of the whole battleship force dependent upon certain conditions unnecessary to mention when going into action. As a matter of fact, when on one occasion we came within a few miles of cutting off from its base and engaging the German fleet, the disposition was such that the American battleship division would have been in the van and in action had the enemy not avoided action and taken refuge behind its defenses, as usual, before we could catch him.

"It was our policy to go after him every time he showed his nose outside of his ports; no matter when or where, whether in single ships, by divisions or his whole fleet, out we went, day or night, rain or shine blow high or blow low and chase him back to his hole. So persistent was this performance on our part, so sure were we to get after him, that toward the end we rarely ventured more than a few miles from his base and immediately we would start after him back to our hole in after him.

"Every inducement was offered him to come out. Inferior forces were sent down into the Helgoland bight to induce him to attack; valuable convoys were dispatched apparently without protection, and other devices to tempt him out; but he would not come. It is needless to add that such expeditions on every occasion were well guarded and we were ready to pounce on him with unseen forces had he attempted to take advantage of the seeming small force or unprotected vessels.

"In our operations in the North sea we were frequently attacked by submarines, and our battleships had numerous narrow escapes often by prompt and skillful handling. On one occasion a submarine rammed the flagship New York, dented the bottom and demolished the starboard propeller. But there is every reason to believe that the blows from the propeller sank the submarine. So, owing to the dock to make repairs three torpedoes in rapid succession were fired at her by hostile submarines. But again she avoided them by clever maneuvering and escaped. Once when guarding or supporting a convoy of 30 or 40 vessels, on the coast of Norway, in midwinter, a bunch of hostile submarines fired six torpedoes at us. Again, only our vigilance and instantaneous maneuvering saved us, and by a very narrow margin. There were still other attacks by submarines which necessitated quick action to avoid them.

"It would be superfluous to go into the details of our operations in the North sea; or to mention the rigorous climate, when the latitude is north of 50° S. in Alaska; or about equal to that of Petrograd; or the terrible weather, the cold, sleet, snow, ice and heavy seas; the arduous and dangerous navigation; the continuous crusing in close formation at high speeds without lights, where the winter nights lasted 18 hours. Or the dangers of mine fields, our own sometimes, as well as those of the enemy; or the repeated attacks of hostile submarines on our battleships and the never-ending readiness and vigilance of the whole fleet to put to sea on all instant notice.

"Let it be sufficient to say that during our absence of a year there was no other condition than that of constant and continuous readiness for action. There was no liberty or leave worth mentioning; no one allowed away from the ships after dark, nor for a period longer than four hours, and then only in the immediate vicinity of the ship. In signal or telephone communication, subject to recall.

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"The commander-in-chief of the grand fleet demanded and received what actually amounted to an unconditional surrender of the whole German navy. Under his orders the English ships were disarmed, ammunition buried, torpedoes, warheads sent ashore, breeches, blankets and fire control instruments removed and every offensive utility rendered innocuous. Then, with reduced crews, under the command of a German admiral, in one long column, the heavy battleships, leading the fleet sailed for a designated rendezvous to arrive at a specified time, just outside the port of Firth in Scotland, where the grand fleet lay at anchor.

"Before daylight the grand fleet was under way and proceeded to sea, heading east in two long columns six miles apart, our American battleship force being in the middle of the northern line. A light British cruiser was directed to meet the Germans who were heading west, and conducted them in between our two columns. Our mission has been successfully accom-

plished.

The German fleet is a thing of the past; the seas are safe and free to our own and our allies.

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ORGANIZED CHARITIES HAVE A BUSY YEAR

Annual Meeting and Election Officers—Have Handled Hundreds of Cases and Proved its Worth

The annual meeting of the Organized Charities of Portsmouth was held on Saturday afternoon at the probate court room and the reports of President Chaney and the General Secretary, Mrs. Carrie A. Hull, showed that the organization has one of its most active years, and that the work is now so firmly established that the good offices of the organization are sought from all sections of the city and from all walks of life.

The financial report by the treasurer, R. Clyde Margeson, shows the best condition the organization has been in since it was started. He reported the sum of \$1389 from the Supply Department in the Navy Yard, the proceeds from the Charity ball of the first of this month; also the sum of \$500 from the outside machine shop at the Navy Yard and included among the larger gifts of the year was that of the Elks' hall of over \$700.

President Chaney presided and the following central committee was elected: Ernest L. Chaney, Charles H. Walker, Frederick M. Sise, Charles S. Long, Mrs. Mary I. Wood, R. C. Margeson, R. D. McDonough, Mrs. L. H. Thayer, Mrs. William P. Stanley, E. Curtis Matthews, Michael Hurley, N. H. Beane, P. E. Kaine, D. F. Borthwick, Mayor S. T. Ladd, ex-officio, Mrs. Horace Wiggin, F. W. Hartford, C. E. Downton, Fred F. Hayes, Rev. J. H. Thayer, Miss Martha S. Kimball, Frank A. Holden, L. T. Gray, Captain T. T. Arms, U. S. N., Miss Stella Webster, Mrs. William P. Mizell, Gov. Elect John H. Bartlett, Mrs. H. Clifton Taylor, Mrs. Harry T. Wyman, Frank Hoadly, W. J. Cater, W. H. Stayton, Mrs. Arthur H. Locke, Mrs. W. O. Shire, Mrs. A. O. Benfield, H. B. Tilton, ex-officio, Rev. D. Alex Sullivan, Rev. W. P. Stanley, Rev. L. F. Barnes, Rev. C. le V. Brine, Rev. Collin S. Tuttle, Rev. F. W. Caswell, Rev. Alfred Hoofling, Rev. Nelson Kellogg, Rev. F. A. Willingham, Rev. J. R. Randolph and Captain Lawrence.

The central committee subsequently organized with the following officers, who constitute the executive committee: President, Ernest L. Chaney; Vice presidents, Charles H. Walker, Frederick M. Sise, Charles S. Long, Mrs. Mary I. Wood; treasurer, R. Clyde Margeson; secretary, R. D. McDonough; directors, Mrs. L. H. Thayer, Mrs. William P. Stanley, Mr. E. Curtis Matthews, Michael Hurley, County Commissioner N. H. Beane, P. E. Kaine and D. F. Borthwick.

The nominating committee who brought in the list of officers and central committee were Messrs. E. Curtis Matthews, Charles H. Walker and R. Clyde Margeson.

It was voted to ask the City Council for the use of the ward room in the Probate Court room for a recreation center for the children of that section of the city like two years ago.

The following is the annual report of President Ernest L. Chaney:

President's Annual Report.

In reviewing the work of the Organized Charities for the past twelve months we find it most satisfactory condition. At the time of the last annual meeting the funds of the organization were over-drawn and the public interest was at a low ebb.

Mrs. Hull, the general secretary, had decided to accept another position and the task of selecting her successor was the first one presented to the executive committee. A young lady in Reading, Pa., was secured to take Mrs. Hull's place but on account of a sudden death in her family, she found it necessary to decline the position. Mrs. Hull had secured accommodations in the city.

It is very gratifying to report that encouraging condition of the Organization's affairs and to give credit to the generosity of the individuals who contributed, and to those who have been instrumental in raising the different funds.

The splendid co-operation of the Red Cross is greatly appreciated, as well as the generosity of the county officials who have provided office, room, heat and light. The police department and other city officials have been especially kind in assisting the work of the Organization when requested, and so have the physicians and lawyers of the city, when called on for medical or legal advice.

Mrs. Hull, who is an experienced and competent stenographer, has shown a remarkable ability as an assistant to the General Secretary.

But more than to anyone else are we indebted to Mrs. Hull for her efficient and faithful services. Her good judgement and tact in dealing with the

citizens and officials of the city, and her willingness to undertake any and every disagreeable task given to her, has won the approval and commendation of all who have had knowledge of the activities of the Organized Charities.

E. L. CHANEY, President.

The annual report of the General Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Hull, gives some idea of the range of the work:

The entry of our nation into the world war has intensified the need for social service that was never known before. When war was declared every Organized Charities Society received a notice from the National Secretary asking them to offer their services to the Red Cross in its family work, which was then known as Civilian Relief.

Since that time practically every Charitable Organization, Secretary has had charge in each community of what is now known as home service, and the Red Cross realized that for constructive work they must largely depend on the trained worker in the field.

Scarcely a year of our work had passed when we were asked to assist in some plan for the care of families of our own men in the service and from the beginning of last December it has meant constant work. Two hundred thirty-one families have in some way been helped—by letters written, financial assistance, getting back allowances and allotments paid, claims filed, information regarding war risk insurance and allotments given, our draft men—and most recently our wounded men—have been endeavoring to trace those men not heard from, and getting definite information of those missing in action.

In the financial assistance much was put on a loan basis and the women have met their demands bravely, and much of the money has been returned with families more than grateful for the lifting over of the dire time of need.

To the Navy Dept. we extend our thanks for their financial assistance to the Navy families. Our Organized Charities work decreased somewhat, but we must consider that many of our families because of some member going into the service had come under Red Cross. The new families just under Organized Charities care were one hundred eighteen, and the difficulties causing their coming are many: Old age, widowhood, orphan children, illness, venereal infection, desertion and non-support, neglect, accident, wayward girls, unmarried mothers, feeble-minded, employment wanted, shabby homes for children, and rooms for adults.

Beside the new families fifty-seven of those of the previous year came back to us—some for actual help, others to make a friendly call, some to report a friend of theirs, and many just to ask some advice which to them was given from an unbiased viewpoint. The total number of families coming to our office was 1369, and the calls made totaled 1210. We give figures only by these can any idea of the amount of work be gained.

Last winter was a very trying one and much suffering was found owing to lack of fuel. This we met by having carted waste wood that was given from the Navy Yard, clothing, food, fuel and medical aid given, legal advice secured, homes for children found, wayward girls cared for, employment secured. Not every need was met, but an effort was made to, at least, send each one away feeling the office was worth while even if only to talk over their troubles, and because of the telling making the burden a bit easier to bear.

Through the food demonstrator, Miss Dorothy Emerson, some valuable work was done in homes, she visited and talked with mothers, and she gave some of her best work was in the home demonstrations, working in the real kitchens with a group of neighborhood women interested and assisting questions.

We had in our office applications for the Industrial Department at the Navy Yard and the Shattuck and Atlantic Companies. Many of these were filled in through our assistance, and positions secured.

During the influenza epidemic the Organized Charities tried to fill the needs as they came in day by day, follow up work for the emergency hospital, diet kitchen and health department. Those going into the homes brought to our knowledge some very bad housing conditions from a sanitary standpoint, and congestion of living hard to believe. One of our saddest experiences was to have to tell a wife of the death of her husband in the hospital when she and her two year old child were in one bed in the one room they called home. The planning to send the body to a neighboring state for burial and getting in touch with the relatives and get some one here to care and plan for the woman. This

we only tell to show the value of a person trained to meet the darkest days that come to the stranger in opportunity.

The first winter of our society, under our Social Service Department, we had the use of the South Ward Room and used it as a recreation center for the children in this neighborhood. Last winter the stress of work, and lack of fuel, made it impossible to conduct the work of the year before. However, the boys and girls did not forget the "Club" as they called it, and this winter they are beginning to ask if we will open. We hope to see it develop into a broader community work, not only for the children, but the older boys and girls and the parents.

The secretary wishes to thank the

churches and organizations, city and

county authorities, police department,

District Nursing Association, legal

and medical profession, Public Health

Department and the many private in-

dividuals for their courtesy and splen-

did co-operation as they have helped

to meet the needs of the community.

Not all of the families given advice and assistance have made good, but a sufficient number have taken advantage of the opportunities offered them to make the work worth while.

For the care of families paid direct to the Secretary has been the sum of \$1454.84. Most of this has been paid by families or friends of families for the support of children.

To Mr. Hayes and Mr. Fenn, a special vote of thanks is due for the \$300 they so kindly contributed from their store toward any special needs for relief of the Society.

Frederick Algy of the Buffalo Organized Charities says: "War has been a testing time for Social Service. War devastates, destroys, tears families apart. Social Service rehabilitates and binds families together. If our soldiers can survive the war they will be stronger than ever, with new friends and a greater value to the community. The Red Cross and the Organized Charities have worked hand in hand the past year, and we cannot help but feel that the test of Social Service in Portsmouth has been made and faithfully kept."

**CARRIE A. HULL,
General Secretary.**

**CLAIMED WILSON
EXCEEDED HIS
AUTHORITY**

(By Associated Press)

New York, Dec. 27.—The authority given the President to take over the cable lines of the United States, Congress intended such seizure to be made only in case of impending danger for the nation's security, and not at a time at which there was a mere technical state of war, declared Charles E. Hughes, counsel for the Congrecoff and the Pacific Cable companies in the Federal Court here today in their suit for an injunction restraining the Postmaster General from seizing the cable lines.

**RUSSIA TO BE
LEFT TO PEACE
CONFERENCE**

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 27.—Officials of the American government here express the opinion that Stephen Pichon, the French foreign minister, was voicing his own opinion and not that of the French government. In his recent statement that there would not be any immediate intervention by the Allies in the affairs of Russia, the situation in Russia has and is now under consideration by the allies and no plain have yet been made, but it is probable that the whole matter will be left to the Peace Conference.

**MANY SAILORS ROBBED AT
QUESTIONABLE RESORTS**

New York, Dec. 26.—Thirty-five sailors on leave from warships in harbor here were enticed on Christmas night according to complaints received today at the Naval Intelligence Bureau.

Twenty of them were robbed in one place, but the sailors were so uncertain as to the details that the police have not been able to get tangible evidence on which to prosecute.

Many questionable resorts are being watched and 3000 Army and Navy provost guards are on patrol duty to warn service men against them.

The town of Corinth, Vt., stands prominently in work it has done in the different war drives. In the third Liberty Loan, it subscribed 250 per cent of its quota. In the fourth, 180 per cent of its quota. It pledged 110 per cent of the amount in War Savings Stamps and 135 per cent in the drive for Red Cross funds. In the utilitarian war drive, it subscribed 177 per cent of its maximum quota.

Fifty thousand dollars for one vote—the amount of the women's party is trying to raise for a campaign to win the last vote in the United States Senate for the passage of the Federal woman's suffrage amendment.

The Herald for 1915 will give all the news with the Associated Press; no premiums, just the news. It will be the big booster paper for Portsmouth.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP NOT FAVORED

(By Associated Press)

Concord, N. H., Dec. 27.—Some phases of the Federal Control of the railroads was touched upon in the New Hampshire Public Service Commission made public today.

If control and unification of the railroads are desired for the sake of economy, why is this not done under private ownership with proper government supervision?

Does the farmer wish to give in his rights under the statute to abolish all railroad crossing rights, etc., etc.? Does the property owner wish to release his statutory rights to call upon the railroad for damages caused by fires from the locomotives? Does the state wish to give up its right to regulate the railroad and call upon it for suitable train service?

These and many similar questions are to be considered, says the report.

**EAGLE BOATS
HAVE MADE
GOOD IN TESTS**

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 27.—Trials of the Eagle boats, submarine chasers, built by the Ford Company, are worthy of taking their place in the fleet of the navy. It is learned that the recent official tests made of the small craft showed them in speed, seaworthiness and maneuvering ability well up to specifications.

**GETTING READY
FOR THE SIXTH
LIBERTY LOAN**

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 27.—A new issue of \$100,000,000 of treasury certificates of indebtedness to prepare for the sixth Liberty loan, was announced by Secretary of the Treasury Glass today. The book will be opened from Jan. 2 to 15 in the Federal Reserve banks.

**GOVERNMENT
PAYS FOR
SINKING SHIPS**

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 27.—The United States government must pay \$51,265 to the owners of the barkentine, Mabel J. May, which was sunk on July 30, 1912, by the battleship Nebraska off Cap. Cod; the Federal courts decided today.

**BACK LIKE A
BOARD? IT'S
YOUR KIDNEYS**

(By Associated Press)

There's no real agony of lame back. Don't wait till it "passes off." It only comes back. Find the cause and stop it. Diseased conditions of kidneys are usually indicated by stiff lame backs and other wrenching pains which are nature's signals for help.

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Portsmouth, N. H., Saturday, December 28, 1918.

As to Trade Combinations.

It may be that Chairman Colver of the Federal Trade Commission is unduly wrought up over the question of trade combinations. He thinks competition in the retail business is practically doomed unless the tendency to combine and control business is checked. This was made evident by what he told the House Interstate Commerce Committee a few days ago at a hearing on the Administration bill to regulate the packing business. He said: "The wholesale grocery business on a competitive basis will disappear in five or six years, and in ten or twelve years the retail grocers also will disappear as individuals, to be supplanted by a great chain of stores."

Mr. Colver then went on to say that the packers have obtained control of numerous industries not directly related to the packing business, being heavily interested, among other things, in the saltnet industry, and claimed that the people are now paying more for salt than they were before the packers became interested in the business.

Whether the situation is as threatening as Mr. Colver deems it to be may be open to question, but there is no question that combination in business and trade is becoming more and more the order of the day in spite of such legislation as there has been to prevent it. For years the country has had the much-vaulted "Sherman law" to protect the people against the grasping trusts, yet combination still exists if half of what has been said about the meat packers is true. And there is no reason to believe that the practice is confined to any one combination. There is much to indicate that the fish business in Boston is manipulated in a way to materially increase the profits of the members of the Fish Trust. In many New England towns, if not most of them, it had been noticed for years—long before the government took control of the coal business—that all dealers charged exactly the same prices for coal. These dealers buy of different corporations and buy at different times, and the uniformity of prices would indicate that if there was not actual combination among them there was at least a "gentlemen's agreement."

Beyond all doubt there is a great deal of this sort of thing going on in many lines of business, but just how it is to be stopped is the question. If it can be done by law, the law cannot be applied too soon, but even the great Sherman law has failed so far short of fulfilling expectations that only lately it has been proposed that it be done away with and some other remedy tried. Out of all the discussion no one has dared to dispute the claim that the people are suffering from extortion at the hands of business combinations.

The packers have been investigated and other kinds of business have been investigated, but with the completion of the investigations and the filing of reports the matter seems to end. Prosecutions are rare and fines and jail sentences are more so.

Whether a remedy for the condition will ever be found remains to be seen. It is fairly apparent that it is not to be found in the enactment of high-sounding laws which expose offenders to nothing more serious than an occasional "investigation," coupled with a proposition to repeal the law and pass another.

Two thousand American soldiers, sailors and marines were entertained in private homes in London on Christmas, and the much larger number who took their rations in camp were treated to a liberal share of the comforts and luxuries of the day. And, so far as possible, good cheer was passed around among all of the boys "over there."

New Hampshire is to have more experienced legislators than usual next year, the scarcity of material caused by the war having resulted in the election of numerous members who have had previous experience. The condition may be unusual, but there should be nothing dangerous about it.

In Manchester some of the toppers have been trying to break the drouth with beverages containing wood alcohol, with the result that two of the imbibers are dead. "Bone dryness" may be trying, but it is folly to attempt to circumvent it with wood alcohol.

General Pershing's Christmas present was a Distinguished Service Cross pinned on his breast by the Commander-in-Chief of the American Forces, Woodrow Wilson. It was a momentous occasion for the two men.

The Massachusetts Board of Agriculture wants war gleaning discontinued, on the ground that the business is hurting the farmers. It is a remarkable plea to come from such a source.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Fast-Moving Germany

(From the Philadelphia Press)
The first thing a German does when he gets up in the morning now is to guess who is the Government for the day, and the guess may hold good until noon, or thereabouts, when he can try again.

Two Tales—A Contrast

(From the Springfield Union)
One Hale revered no less for his patriotism than for his great literary attainments wrote the story of "The Man Without a Country." Another and more recent Hale of mediocre literary talent and with no apparent conception of the true meaning of patriotism has been doing his utmost to make himself a man without a country or at least unfit to claim any decent country as his own.

A Possible Sea Tale

(From the Cincinnati Times-Star)
What theme for a novelist is suggested by these three words, "The Last Submarine"? Jules Verne's "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," and the ocean stories of Jack London and Morgan Robertson—all these thrilling narratives would pale their unfeeling fires before a grand conception such as might well be furnished by "The Last Submarine!"

Imagine some fierce scadog of Germany—some Viking of the underworld—leading a sturdy crew, and imagining that scadog and his submarine, giving no heed to the terms of the armistice, vanishing quietly from view, and carried on the Wilhelmshaven books as "missing" forever after. Think of this son of a submarine, prowling through the vastly deep, replenishing supplies, and munitions from the silent, secret bases that the Germans founded on long islands here and there, and waiting, waiting till springtime came and the new rush of trans-Atlantic travel. Think of the crime it could commit; the pirates it could achieve, the ships that could be sunk traceless and unsinkable; the wealth that the marauders could pile upon uncharted reefs and the tremendous hunt by all the navies of the world. Of years, perhaps, the rafter could keep up its deadly work till one by one, all of the lost bases were found and stripped of their supplies, and until some armed ship, courageous as a helpless merchantman, should send a shell through the thin plates of the submarine!

To Tax Child Exploiters

(From the Chicago News)
Favorable action has been taken by the United States Senate with respect to the provisions of the revenue bill intended to prevent the employment of children at inappropriate hours or for too long a daily period. The amendment is that drafted by Senators Memorex Kenyon and Leinen. It employs taxation as the means of preventing abuses in the employment of children, proposing a 10 per cent tax on the profits of products in interstate commerce, that had been made with the aid of child labor in contravention of the legal standards.

Those standards are the same as those contained in the child labor bill which received its death blow at the hands of the Supreme Court last June. That is to say the tax would apply to products of mines and quarries that employ children less than 16 years old and to those from mills factories and other industrial establishments that employ children less than 14 years old or those between 14 and 16 for more than eight hours daily or at night.

It seems scarcely necessary to emphasize the fact that the amendment is not intended to raise revenue. Little tax on matches made with materials that cause disease it is intended to prohibit the thing itself. Advocates of Federal child labor legisla-

tion have constantly maintained that this is the proper way to deal with the problem and they are agreed that the tax method will prove constitutional.

The measure ought to become law.

NAVY YARD NOTES

Want Shorter Week.
The employees of the Charlestown Navy yard are agitating a 44-hour week instead of 48 hours as at present. They have already sent a petition to the department at Washington.

Ready for Launching
Two transport lighters have been completed at the Charlestown yard and are ready for launching. The yard has four more to build.

Can Use Old Barracks
The U. S. S. Southey, as a station receiving ship, can accommodate 630 men. In case the ship is required to take any larger number the old marine barracks will be utilized for overflow.

Another Troopship
The cruiser Rochester, formerly the old New York, (salvaged from the Charlestown yard on Friday,) will be used temporarily as a transport for troops.

To Release 75 Girls
Seventy-five girls and sixty-nine men in the primer department at the Naval Torpedo Station at Newport, will be dropped from the government payroll with the end of this week. Further reductions will be made January 15 and February 26. One hundred men 12 per cent of the machinist force, have already gone, but this cutdown is not by order of the government. Most of the men are from the West and are returning home.

Closes at Rockland
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Some of the youngsters who have been interested in bowling may go further in the sport of basket ball and organize a team for their amusement and exercise.

TO REGULATE MILLERS PROFIT

Concord, Dec. 28.—A short time ago it was announced from Washington that all regulations relative to wheat millers and the manufacture of mixed flour had been rescinded. At the same time it was announced that regulations relative to the distribution and manufacture of wheat mill feeds were cancelled.

The cancellation of the regulations relative to wheat millers resulted, as was expected, in a decrease in the price of flour and an increase in the price of wheat mill feeds. A great many New Hampshire feed dealers have in stock or transit quantities of mill feeds purchased at the low price before the milling regulations were rescinded on December 19th.

Mrs. Spaulding, Federal Food Administrator for New Hampshire, has announced the margin of profit, in excess of the margins stated in the mill feed regulations, will be considered exorbitant and unfair margins.

In other words, jobbers and wholesalers of wheat mill feeds are expected to sell these feeds at no more than a reasonable advance of the above price at the mill of the particular feed sold plus freight and cost of stocks regardless of replacement value. Such advance must not exceed the schedule of margins which has already been promulgated by the Administration. Mrs. Spaulding has taken this matter up with Washington and the above notice may be construed as an official notice.

The nights are long, the days are drear,
Since you, dear, went away,
I try to say "Thy will be done,"
And humbly try to pray.

And I will strive to be resigned,
Knowing that God knows best.
"Come unto me," our Saviour said,
"And I will give you rest."

MOTHER.

December 29.

FORMER Czar AND FAMILY ARE ALIVE

So Declares Russian Who Has Just Escaped From Ukraine.

(By Associated Press)

Warsaw, Dec. 24.—There is no doubt that the czar and his entire family are alive. I am positive of this, was the declaration made to the correspondent by a nephew of Gen. Skorodolski, and who has just escaped from the Ukraine, after a recent trip to Petrograd, Odessa, Vilna and Rovno.

"I cannot reveal where the czar is because he does not wish it," he added. "He does not care to be bothered; and they want to be left alone."

"His whereabouts is known to an allied government. It is a neutral country." Accounts of his murder at Ekaterinburg were manufactured by Trotsky and Lenin for propaganda purposes.

"It took much money and time and also the lives of many officers to accomplish his escape. Among the officers killed were Count Tatishchev, the czar's former personal military attendant, who was shot instead of the czar. Documents describing the czar's escape were in the hands of German consul Koenig at Petrograd, who forwarded them to Berlin.

M. de Techinat said that the allies should send an army of occupation into Russia to re-establish a stable government and business conditions.

"I eat the cost of living in Russia was appalling, a pound of butter cost 129 rubles, and a pair of trousers 1,000 rubles. Frequently, however, there was no food obtainable at any price.

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BROTHERS MEET IN FRANCE

The two brothers of Rev. Nelson Kellogg, rector of St. John's church, had a pleasant reunion in France just before Christmas, this being the first time they had met for five years.

The younger brother, Lieut. Francis Kellogg, who is serving in the army department in France for some time, had been in the east, coming out of college to enter the service, while the other brother, Private David Kellogg, who is with the engineering forces in all the time, phone 37.

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CHRISTMAS CLUB NOTES

members, having found joy, gay it is to give money by this plan, decided to double their payments for the coming year.

Several people joined the Club last year and used the money to pay their coal bill.

Several men join each year and use the money to pay their life insurance bill. It comes easy in this way.

The Club started on Dec. 23rd, but the time for all to join.

Monthly payments in advance are recommended for members living out of town. One member may make the payments for the whole family.

The easiest way of saving money ever tried. No other plan can compare with this. This is why members are joining early this year.

Now the seeds of happiness in a simple self-help system that will raise a crop of Christmas Joy in 1919.

The Christmas Club appeals to all ages and captivates all classes.

Join yourself and get all your friends and acquaintances to join.

Small weekly payments for fifty weeks make it possible to have plenty of money for next Christmas which you otherwise would not have.

Were all your family, friends, associates, remembered this year just as you would have wished? Wouldn't a little extra money have come in mighty handy?

Now, then start now for next year by joining the 1919 Club.

Make a small deposit each week and when the Club matures next December you will be surprised at the good little sum you have accumulated.

The Christmas Club is the greatest plan ever invented to help people save their money.

Don't forget to make a deposit in the regular savings department.

The bank will be open Saturday evening for all who wish to join.

CELEBRATION OF UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

The Universalist Sunday school held its Christmas festivities last evening in the vestry and the occasion was a happy event to the little folks.

A Christmas tree, glittering with the bright ornaments and strings of tinsel attracted the attention of the children, who awaited the arrival of Santa Claus with much expectancy. Upon his arrival he distributed the presents, a gift for each child.

The parish presented a gift of money to the pastor, Rev. Dr. Dillingham, who also received a cash gift from his Sunday school class. An informal musical entertainment added to the interest of the evening and refreshments were served all.

ODD FELLOWS PLAN BUSY TIME

Osgood Lodge is planning a busy season. The officers-elect will be installed Jan. 9, followed the next week by joint visitations from Riverside Lodge of Kittery and an Odd Fellows Lodge of Portland, which will work the degree of Truth. In February, Deputy Grand Master Drew will hold his district meeting in this city and in March the king of the Button Busters, J. M. Varell, will give the work in due and ancient form. The Button Buster degree, where there is something doing every minute; hospitality and good fellowship reign supreme at the Button Busters.

As soon as the 50 or more members of Osgood Lodge return from the war the Lodge will hold a victory supper where only the Noble Grand and returning soldiers and sailors will speak.

In April the centennial of the order will be celebrated all over the nation and Osgood Lodge will join with the two millions of Odd Fellows in celebrating this century in the stone of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in America. Like the "Star Spangled Banner" it had its birth in Baltimore and from a lodge of five members it has become the largest secret order in America if not in the world. Thomas Whaley, the founder, said, "I have but one ambition and that is to found an order on humanity," the very thing the Allies a century later were fighting to secure.

PRICE OF COAL TO BE INCREASED—MORE DELIVERIES AUTHORIZED

The State Fuel Administrator has just given permission to our local coal dealers to proceed with delivery of 50 percent of the last one-third due, all consumers.

There is still a great shortage of stove and chestnut sizes so that coal dealers will have to confine their deliveries principally to broken egg and pea sizes.

Our local dealers are now receiving coal on which the Government has made an increase in price of 7¢ per ton.

On Monday, Dec. 29, the Consolidated Coal Co., and C. W. Gray are authorized to increase their prices 7¢ per ton.

C. E. Walker & Co. will be authorized to increase their prices 7¢ per ton as soon as their stock of old piled coal is exhausted.

W. J. CATCHER.

T. W. LAW.

H. C. TAYLOR.

MANY TOURISTS IN SOUTH.

The editor of the Portsmouth Herald

today received a letter from Frank H. Moore, who with Mrs. Moore, is passing the winter at Miami, Florida. Mr. Moore says the tourists are coming to this city very early this winter and all are looking for a big season. The country is looking fine there now, he says, and the temperature is from 75 to 80 and always a nice cool breeze.

Mr. Moore writes that both he and his wife are fine and that they read the Herald daily and watch for it with interest as it seems like being at home to get the home news.

PERSONALS

Miss Mary Murray leaves today for a visit with friends in Boston.

Dr. D. Fred Sphynx of Brookline, Mass., passed Friday in this city.

Millard Gardner is ill with the influenza at his home on South street.

Mrs. George W. Dowling and daughter Thelma are both ill with the influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wyman of Rumford, Me., have come to this city to reside.

Linwood Dunn, who is in the aviation service, is visiting his home in this city.

Miss Margaret Gardner, who is ill with influenza at her home on South street, is now able to set up daily.

Gov. Henry W. Keyes is reported as improving but it is doubtful if he is able to attend the inauguration.

Mrs. Nellie Cummings, of Boston, formerly of this city, has been the guest of relatives here this week.

General Caswell of Laconia is passing the week-end as the guest of O. E. Brigham and family of Union street.

Richard Cuti, who is in the Internal Revenue field service, has been passing a few days at his home in this city.

Percival Sides, teller of the Portsmouth Trust and Guarantee Bank, is ill with the influenza at his home on Highland street.

Ambassador David R. Francis of St. Louis and Rye Beach, was at the dinner given to President Wilson in London on Thursday.

Charles A. Parker has returned to his duties at Hampton Roads Training Station after a furlough passed with his parents on Lincoln avenue.

Elmer Kittridge, who is employed as a clerk at the navy yard, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Kittridge of South Portland, Me.

Warren Frizzell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Frizzell of this city, arrived from overseas on the New York this week, on which ship he is on duty and is visiting his parents in this city having seen service a year and half in European waters.

Mrs. Martha Newton, who holds the position of employment manager at the Cheney silk mills, South Manchester, Conn., leaves on Sunday to return to her duties after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Newton of South street.

Mr. Lincoln Dandall, chief draftsman of the Federal Ship Building Company at Carnegie, N.J., with his wife and his mother who have been the guests of his brother, Boardman M. Randall on Lincoln avenue, returned home on Friday. Mr. Randall has been away from here eight years and he was much impressed with the growth of the Navy Yard and the Atlantic Corporation, which he visited. The plant he is employed with is one of the largest in the country, building 10,000-ton ships.

The local Jews go to Manchester on Sunday.

Landlord Pattee is having a big business at the Rockingham.

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GAUMONT WEEKLY!

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Special Bill of Vaudeville

The Big Special

"THE HEART OF RACHEL"

ROBERT WARWICK IN

"THE ACCIDENTAL HONEY-

MOON"

Other Big Features.

OLYMPIA Friday and Saturday

BESSIE BARRISCALE

In

"Blindfolded"

UNIVERSAL WEEKLY!

"THE EAGLE'S EYE"

William Desmond

In

"The Pretender"

Monday and Tuesday

ELTHEL CLAYTON

In

"WOMAN'S WEAPONS"

SEC. HOLMES TRANSFERRED

Secretary David H. Holmes of the Y. M. C. A. war work force, who has been in charge of the Y. M. C. A. at Fort Constitution, New Castle, for several months, is to be transferred to Boston for Y. M. C. A. hospital work and will leave next week for his new duties. Sylvester Scribner, of New York arrived in this city Friday evening to take the position vacated by Secretary Holmes.

After Christmas Great Clearing and Mark Down Sale

Of all Suits, Coats, Furs, Fur Coats, Dresses, Skirts, Waists and Trimmed Hats.

Everything marked down for quick selling.

Come early and get best pick, as some of the lots are only a few left.

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PROMOTION URGED FOR BRAVE GENERAL

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 27.—A striking tribute to the courage and skill of Brig. General Douglas McArthur of the 54th Brigade of the 42d or Rainbow division was given by Major General G. D. Meagher, formerly in command of the division, in a letter to General Pershing urging that Gen. McArthur be promoted to a major general.

SCHOOLS TO REMAIN CLOSED

The Board of Health has requested the superintendent of schools to keep the schools closed until further orders owing to the increase in the number of cases of influenza. This order was issued on Friday afternoon and Superintendent Shaylor at once made arrangements to continue the vacation over another week.

There is no question that there are many cases, and some entire families are down, but physicians do not agree as to the need of making any closing order at the present time. Physicians seem on Friday afternoon and evening reported many cases, but the greater more like the old fashioned grippe than number of cases were slight and many of the Spanish influenza. There are many cases reported from the surrounding towns, Greenland having more than during the last epidemic. The grippe or the influenza are not

reportable diseases to the Board of Health, but at a meeting of the Council on Friday evening they were made such and physicians after today will be obliged to report all of their cases to the Public Health Service. This will give a complete record and allow the Board to take whatever measures that are necessary to handle the disease before it reaches epidemic form.

There is no great occasion for alarm at present, but every precaution should be taken and crowds should be avoided.

OBSEQUIES

Theodore Deverson.

The funeral of Theodore Deverson was held Friday afternoon at 2:39 from his late home on New Castle Avenue, Rev. R. S. Tuttie officiating. The New Hampshire Lodge of Odd Fellows were present and held their services. The honorary pallbearers were George Marshall, Samuel Hinsford, Herman Brackett and Frank Badger. Interment was in the Sagamore cemetery under the direction of O. W. Ham.

Samuel H. Ricker.

The funeral services of Samuel H. Ricker were held from the home of his son, Samuel E. Ricker, 23 Hancock street, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Peter W. Caswell, pastor of the Court Street Christian church, conducted the services. The bearers were Forrest Becker, Sherman Pridham, Isaac Pridham and George Amazeen. Interment was in the family lot in Harmony Grove cemetery, under direction of J. Verus Wood.

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THE SCANDAL MONGER

(Old Scrap Book)
A woman to a holy father went:

Confession of her sins was her intent,
And so her misdemeanors, great and small,
She faithfully rehearsed them all.
But chafing in her catalogue of sin
She owned that she a tale-bearer had been—

Had borne a bit of scandal up and down

To all the long-tongued gossip of the town.

The father, for her other sins,
Granted the absolution asked of him;

And while for all the rest he pardon gave

He said that this offense was very grave,
And that to do fit penance she must go

Out by the wayside where the thistles grow
And, gathering the largest, ripest one,
Scatter its seed; and then, when this was done,
She must come back again another day

To tell him. His commands she must obey.

Feeling right glad she had escaped so well.

Next day but one she came to the priest to tell.

The priest sat still and heard her story through.
Then said: "There's something still for you to do;

Those little seeds that you have lately sown,

I bid you gather every one."

The woman said: "But, father, 'twould be vain—

To try to gather up those seeds again."

The winds have scattered them both far and wide

Over the meadowed vale and mountain side."

The father answered: "May I hope from this

The lesson I have taught you will not miss?

You cannot gather up those scattered seeds,

Which far and wide will grow to noxious weeds;

Nor can the mischief once by scandal sown,

By any power be again undone."

NOTICE

The Committee on Revision of the City Charter desire that all citizens interested will make it a personal matter to submit in writing suggestions to the Committee on the Revision of the Charter. These suggestions should be mailed to Hon. Samuel T. Landis Chairman, and will be by him distributed to the committee members. This is done in order that every citizen may have an opportunity to present his views and that those views may have every consideration.

Dated Dec. 21, 1918.
SAMUEL W. EMERY,
Secretary.

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NEWINGTON

Newington, Dec. 28.—Christmas services were held in the church last Sunday. In the evening a musical was held. Many carols were sung and a Xmas tree was stripped of its gifts.

Miss Hope Trefethen was called here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ann S. Flink.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Marion were the guests of the Misses Abbie and May Flink.

Mr. Jenette Howe is passing a week at his former home.

Mrs. Florence Howe and young son are visiting their aunts, the Misses Flink for a while.

Rev. Mr. Berkeley of Lexington, Me., was called here to officiate at the funeral of Mrs. Ann S. Flink.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Pickering were in town on Wednesday.

Doris Deane, a pupil at Smith's College, North Hampton, Mass., is passing her vacation at home.

Sergeant Phineas Coleman of Camp Devens was one of the soldiers who volunteered to go with others to New York to meet the transports of wounded soldiers.

Several of our soldier boys passed Christmas at home, Warren Pickering of the merchant marine, who has been across to France several times, Elbridge Knox who belongs to the medical corps, stationed in Boston, Lieutenant Willis Hoyt from a southern camp and Walter Pickering from Camp Devens.

Mr. Luther Pickering is passing several days with his son in Lynn, Mass.

Mrs. Elizabeth Coleman and sons Ralph, Harry and Wendell passed Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pearson.

Mrs. William Furber and daughter Dorothy, passed Christmas with her son in Portsmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Adams of Durham were here on Tuesday to attend Mrs. Flink's funeral.

Charles Pickering passed his Christmas recess at home.

CARD OF THANKS

We the undersigned desire to extend our sincere thanks to all of those who assisted us in any way, in our recent bereavement of our loved one, also for the beautiful floral tributes.

Mrs. Samuel H. Ricker.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Ricker.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Ricker.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin N. Ricker.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becker.

Floral Tributes.

Philip At Reis, Wife.

Pillow, "Father," Family.

Wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hecker, and Family.

Spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Ricker, and family.

Spray of pinks, Forest Becker and family.

Spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Campbell.

Sheath of wheat and lilies, Z. J. Randall.

Spray of lilies and pinks, Mr. and Mrs. George Burke and family.

Spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Becker and Mr. and Mrs. Doctor Hunscon.

Spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harton.

Spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harton and mother.

Spray of pinks, Mr. Edward Downs.

Spray of pinks, White & Hodgeson & Employees.

A wreath of roses and pinks, Coast Guard Station, No. 16.

Spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Fisher.

Ady.

SEND IN PICTURES

Send in a picture of your boy in khaki or blue for the Herald's picture gallery. Many people in this city and suburbs are making a collection of these pictures and pasting them in a scrap book for future reference. You will wish your boy in the service to have his picture in the collection with the others. Have a sketch accompany the picture and the name and address written on the back that it may be returned. The Herald Office has had several photographs sent in with sketches. Will the persons who send such kindly send sketches to print with the cuts.

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BASE BALL FOR EUROPE

(By Associated Press)

Chicago, Dec. 25.—A series of games in Europe after the close of the base ball season here next fall is planned for the pennant winners in the National and American Leagues. White plans for far tentative, President W. B. Johnson, of the American League, has had the project under consideration for some time and Captain Bill Lange, star National League player twenty years ago, now in France on Y. M. C. A. work, to look over the field and report on the feasibility of taking the two major league teams across the Atlantic.

PICTURE MOULDING.

Raw, 2½ in. 4c.....

Raw, 2 in. 3c.....

Gold, 3¼ in. 5c.....

Enamel, 1½ in. 4c.....

PLATE RAILS.

Raw Wood, 3½ in. was 10c.....

White Enamel, 3½ in. 15c.....

White Enamel, 2½ in. 12c.....

PICTURE MOULDING.

Raw, 4 in. 6c.....

Bronze, 1½ in. 6c.....

Bronze, 2 in. 8c.....

PIRNCING MOULDING.

Raw, 4 in. 6c.....

Bronze, 1½ in. 6c.....

Bronze, 2 in. 8c.....

ATLANTIC.

Mark 83 91 92—257

Witten 76 97 72—215

Emery 87 104 99—250

Sodersterler 97 105 84—286

W. C. Emery 57 77 89—243

Totals 331 404 416—1311

NAVY YARD.

Wescott 103 73 83—268

Murphy 78 101 82—261

Garmont 83 72 76—236

Fernald 99 93 80—271

Anderson 88 90 83—251

Totals 463 423 404—1263

FUNERAL NOTICE.

Funeral of Martin Hoyt will be held from the Congregational church, Newington, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends invited.—Adv.

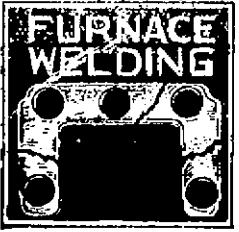
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ABANDONED CAR NOT USED BY BANDITS

Efforts of the Lynn and Everett police to establish a connection between a limousine found abandoned in Lynn and the \$12,000 held-up of last week in Everett were dropped yesterday afternoon when Thomas Murray of Watertown Ct. appeared to prove his ownership of the machine. Murray claimed the limousine was stolen Tuesday while he was shopping in Boston.

The Murray car corresponds closely to the description of the big gray automobile used by the bandits. When it was found Wednesday at Harvest and Shepard streets Lynn its number plate was gone the doors were scraped to indicate the erasure of monograms and it had other indications to cause the police to associate it with the car of the robbery.

PRECIOUS TIME WASTED

It isn't the dollar you waste on inferior music lessons that matters, but the precious time of your child.

You can somehow get other dollars but the time wasted is gone forever. The best is not too good in music. Adv.

PETER KURTZ

If you want to get the news first you only have to read Portsmouth's popular daily, The Herald.

**FALL AND WINTER TIME-TABLE
1918-1919**

Portsmouth, Dover and York Street Railway.

Portsmouth

For Elliot, Dover and South Berwick—6:55 a. m. and every hour until 9:55 p. m.; Sunday first trip 7:55 a. m.

For Kittery and Kittery Point—6:21 a. m. and every half hour until 10:55 p. m.; Sunday first trip 7:55 a. m.

For York Village, York Harbor and York Beach via Rosemary—6:55, 8:55 a. m. and every two hours until 8:55 p. m.; Sunday first trip 8:55 a. m.

Dover

For Portsmouth, Elliot and Kittery—6:05, 7:05 a. m. and every hour until 10:05 p. m.; Sunday first trip 8:05 a. m.

For South Berwick, Salmon Falls Bridge—6:30 a. m. and every hour until 10:30 p. m.; Sunday first trip 8:30 a. m.

For York Village, York Harbor and York Beach via Rosemary—6:55, 8:55 a. m. and every two hours until 8:55 p. m.; Sunday first trip 8:55 a. m.

South Berwick

For Dover, Elliot, Portsmouth and Kittery—6:00 a. m. and every hour until 10:00 p. m.; 11:00 p. m. to South Berwick Junction only. Sunday first trip 8:00 a. m.

For York Village, York Harbor and York Beach—6:00 a. m., 7:00 a. m., 2:00 a. m. and every two hours until 3:00 p. m.; Sunday first trip 8:00 a. m.

York Beach

For York Village, York Harbor, Dover, South Berwick, Salmon Falls, Elliot, Kittery and Portsmouth via Rosemary—7:30, 8:30, 10:30 a. m. and every two hours until 8:20 p. m.; 10:30 p. m.; trip to South Berwick Junction only. Sunday first trip 8:30 a. m.

Kittery

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NORTH CHURCH, SUNDAY, 7.30 P. M. Christmas Service

WITH THE STEREOPTICON.

The pictures include a new series on the Nativity by
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Offering for the War Orphans of the Near East

ATTAINED HER NINETY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY

has been a most devoted wife and mother and received in return from her family the strongest devotion and appreciation. Her many friends extend anniversary greetings and hope she may continue in good health.

NOTICE

Mr. John O'Leary who has been recently discharged from the U. S. Army will shortly resume his former business of Expressing and Trucking Office 6 Gates street, telephone 204-J. All orders will be given prompt attention.—Adv.

NOTICE

Whist and dancing party will be held at Rye Town Hall, Thursday evening, Jan. 2, by members of Rye Grange. Public invited.—Adv. H 3d28

Pretty bold business for boys when they walk into a local bank and grab cash and get away. Last week a youngster did the same thing in a local store.

AN INVITATION

Now that the Christmas rush is over why not drop in and pick out some records for your new Victrola?

There are undoubtedly many of your favorite selections that you have not had time to get. Therefore we cordially invite you to spend any afternoon with us and we will be glad to help you find the records you want and try them over for you.

The New Records for January go on sale the first of the month.

HASSETT'S Music and Art Shoppe

115 Congress Street, Portsmouth, N. H.

Open Every Evening.

Yesterday

Hundreds joined our
CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB.

Today

Hundreds of others will join.
Why not be one of them?

Class 1 pays \$12.75 and interest.
Class 2 pays \$25.50 and interest.
Class 5 pays \$63.75 and interest.

Can you think of an easier way to provide money for Christmas? Join yourself, and get every one in the family to join.

Portsmouth Trust and Guarantee Co.
New Hampshire Bank Building.

COUNCIL HOLD THEIR LAST MEETING

Use Balance of Cash to Cancel Paving Bonds---Make Influenza a Reportable Disease

The last meeting of the mayor and council was held on Thursday evening and there was the usual clean-up of the outgoing council and the transfer to balance accounts. Eight members of the council were present, including Councilman Hickey in his soldier's uniform, for he is still in the service and is home on a leave of absence over the holidays. He was given a warm welcome. Councilman Dickey, the other member of the council in the service, was not present.

William H. Dow was granted a license to operate moving pictures in Freeman's hall under the usual restrictions.

The usual resolution authorizing the auditor to make the necessary transfers to close his books was passed.

The Board of Health asked approval of an order making influenza among the reportable diseases and this was approved by the council.

The plans showing the location of the water mains at Atlantic Heights, also showing the new street, from Cutts street to the Boston & Maine railroad tracks to Atlantic Heights, which had previously been approved by the Board of Public Works, were accepted by the council.

An order to transfer funds in the Board of Public Works and in the water department to that their ac-

counts may be closed, was passed.

A resolution authorizing the mayor to draw his warrant for \$32,600 of unexpended balances and revenue in favor of the sinking fund to cancel that amount of the paving bonds was passed after Councilman Humphreys wanted to know why it was done and why that sum of money which was a balance left at the end of the year was not left to the next council to work with. Mayor Ladd stated that this would reduce the city debt just that amount, that there would be then a balance of \$2,000 in the treasury and all bills paid.

The report of the auditor of bills amounting to \$1,316.00 were ordered paid.

Before putting the motion of adjournment sine die, Mayor Ladd took occasion to thank the council for their splendid co-operation during the past year and said that they may well feel proud of their record. The financial condition of the city with a large balance testified as to their watchfulness of the treasury and he was confident that every member of the council had done what he thought was for the best interest of the city.

On motion of Councilman Raynes a rising vote of thanks was extended to Mayor Ladd for his unfailing courtesy and fairness as a presiding officer. Adjourned.

again when a couple of tires went to the bad.

That he says winter jitney service outside the city is very expensive.

That the man with the mast splicing puzzle at the Shattuck shipyard had them going for a while.

That he might introduce another one if he wants to keep them busy.

That a small boy says he has the number of the auto driver who killed his pet dog on Islington street.

That the boy claims that it was a direct act of cruelty and that he will be big enough some day to tell the driver a few things and he's going to do it.

That the bowling fans are anxious to know if that famous team of a Congress street restaurant known as Foreign Element have retired from the game.

That if they are still bowling Joe might put them up against the "Jacks" for a roll-off.

**BOY GRABBED
\$15 AND THEN
DISAPPEARED**

Takes Money From Another Boy in Bank Vestibule.

A boy about 12 years of age got away with \$15 at the New Hampshire National Bank this forenoon and his whereabouts are so far unknown. The money was taken from another boy named Augustus Goetz, aged 11, living at 761 South street. Goetz was making a deposit of his Christmas savings and while the money was on the counter the other boy picked up the amount and disappeared. The Goetz lad had a good description of the thief which he gave to the police. So far the boy has made good with his steal.

THE HERALD HEARS

That the old city council made its final appearance Friday night.

That only one of the present board, Councilman Humphreys, will be in the 1919 board.

That according to the figures ward one is entitled to another member of the general court.

That the election will be set ahead again in 1919 on March 30 at the same hour, 2 p. m.

That the men who have for years been furnishing hand power in operating the draw on the highway and railroad sections of the Portsmouth and Kittery bridge, will rest easy when the electric power is in full operation.

That one thing was certain at Christmas that the Kaiser's goose was well cooked.

That quite a number of Portsmouth boys serving in both army and navy arrived home on Friday having received their discharge.

That these days are the shortest of the year.

That several more men in the military service will be put back in the department as soon as they are discharged.

That the Atlantic band is arranging a good program for the P. A. C. Concert.

That a Portsmouth jitney driver had his troubles a few nights ago on a trip to Somersworth.

That he ran out of gasoline near Central Park and could get nobody in either Dover or Somersworth to bring him a supply of gas.

That after using all his spare change for telephoning he was obliged to call up a garage in Portsmouth.

That another jitney went out to re-serve him.

That it cost \$6 to get the gas to him and \$1.40 more for the gas.

That he was hardly on his way

**METAL TRADES
DEMAND 44-HR.
WEEKEND SO VOTE**

A meeting of the Metal Trades Council of employees was held on Friday evening and delegates from the Boston yard were listened to, who advocated a 44-hour week schedule. The officers of the local council spoke and a general discussion followed. It was argued that this plan would result in giving employment to more men. The same action is being recommended by delegates at all government plants.

**THE CIDER HAS
PLENTY OF KICK**

State Chemist Finds Over Six Per Cent in the Apple Juice.

The state chemist has notified the police that the several samples of cider sent from this city for analysis contained very much alcohol.

One of the samples had over 6 per cent and another 5 and a fraction. The cider was taken by the police in places at the North End and West End, where it had been kept for sale. The cases will be heard in court on Monday.

EARLY MORNING FIRE.

The Chemical was called to Russell street at 2 o'clock this morning for a fire in the home of Major Cloutier. The fire started in the cellar and did considerable damage.

THE CHRISTMAS MYSTERY.

The Christmas Mystery will be given at Christ church by the young people on Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Join the CHRISTMAS CLUB tonight.

WANT 100 GOOD MACHINISTS AT THE NAVY YARD

Third Shift to Be Added to
Submarine Work at
Night.

White a few recent discharges at the navy yard have caused some alarm among the industrial employees, these discharges will be offset by a call for more machinists which is being made by the Industrial Department. The department wants 100 first class machinists and a half dozen coppermiths at once. These machinists are needed for a night shift on submarine work and can start in as soon as they desire. The coppermiths are for day work.

The Industrial Manager is appealing to the state and federal labor managers for this number of machinists. The force is being increased in order to hurry along the submarine construction and if the necessary men are obtained by this call, a third shift of 8 hours will be in order. The work will be inside.

General helpers are being employed as fast as they report for the same.

Join the CHRISTMAS CLUB tonight.

LOCAL DASHES

P. A. C. Carnival Jan. 1-2-3, Free-man's Hall.—Adv.

All sorts of sleighing appears to be on the increase.

Monuments and gravestones, J. H. Dowd Co., 98 Market Street.—Adv.

There is no denying the fact that this "Flu" is on the increase.

Hoarf Blanks, Wood Bros., cor. Congress and Chestnut Sts.—Adv.

There are at least a hundred cases of grip in the city.

Hogs taken away and dressed, Bend postal, James Clark, Newington, N. H.—Adv.

Stable and Street Blanks, Wood Bros., cor. Congress and Chestnut Sts.—Adv.

To LET—5 room flat in Eliot, ready for occupancy Jan. 1st. H. L. Caswell Agency, 1 Congress St. Adv.

Margeson Bros., upholsterers of antique and modern furniture.—Adv.

Lobsters and fresh fish of all kinds caught by our own boats, fresh every day, E. Jameson & Sons, Tel. 215.—Adv.

Get your bright-eyed fish at the Portsmouth Fish Co., Breighton's Wharf, J. F. Lamb.—Adv.

Big event, Monster Carnival held in Freeman's Hall, Jan. 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1919, given by the Metal Trades Council.—Adv.

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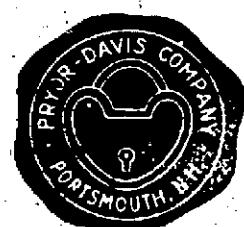
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Cash and due from banks..... 474,332.18